GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CBI RAIDS AGAINST RICE DEALERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were conducted by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against rice dealers in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry on complaint of diversion/ smuggling of rice to neighbouring countries filed by the Union Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government to check smuggling of rice and other foodgrains to the neighbouring countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c): The State Governments of West Bengal, Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh have been advised to make special efforts to ensure that rice or wheat is not smuggled across the borders into neighboring countries. Further Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Department of Revenue have also been advised to take all possible steps to ensure that rice and wheat are not smuggled out of the country or exported by overinvoicing the rice to evade the Minimum Export price.